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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Masakuni EZUMI, et al.  
Application No.: 10/054,852  
Filed: January 25, 2002  
For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND HOLLOW SHAPE  
MEMBER FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING  
Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: L. R. Edmondson

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2003  
(Tuesday after Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the claims**

**Remarks follow the amendments.**